# SSC PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS 2024-25

(13E & 14E)

# THIRD LANGUAGE - ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hrs 15 Min.

MODEL PAPER - I

Max.Marks: 100

#### Instructions:

- 1. This question paper has 37 questions in three Sections (A,B, and C)
- 2. Answer all the questions on a separate answer book supplied to you.
- 3. 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 3 hours for writing the answers.
- 4. Answer all the questions of Section –B (Grammar and Vocabulary) in the same order at one place in your answer book.

#### SECTION-A

(Reading Comprehension)

## Q.No.(1-5): Read the following passage carefully.

We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all of our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

We have, at least, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

Never, never and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another.

The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement

Let freedom reign. God bless Africa.

(Nelson Mandela: Long walk to freedom)

Now, answer the following questions. 5×2=10M l. What does Nelson Mandela emphasize as a rare privilege?

What does Mandela pledge to liberate people from?

What does Nelson Mandela declare as a common victory?

- (A) Victory of war
- (B) Victory for justice, peace, and human dignity
- (C) Victory for oppression

# 4. According to Nelson Mandela, what shall never happen again in South Africa?

- (A) The celebration of oppression.
- (B) The bondage of poverty
- (C) The privilege of hosting international guests.

#### 5. How does Mandela conclude his speech?

- (A) "Let freedom reign. God bless Africa"
- (B) "May the world remember our struggle."
- (C) "May justice prevail across the globe."

#### Q.No.(6-10): Read the following stanza carefully.

The way a crow

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

Of a day I had rued.

(Dust of Snow)

# Choose the correct answers to the following questions $5 \times 1 = 6 \text{ M}$

- 6. What do 'crow' and 'snow' represent?
- 7. What was the change in the mood of the poet after snowfall?

#### 8. What was the setting of the poem?

- (A) Snowy streets
- (B) Steep rocks
- (C) Dry forests

#### The word 'rued' explains......?

- (A) The colorful day experienced by the poet
- (B) The damaged mood of the poet
- (C) The dangerous effect of hemlock tree

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## 10. What is the imagery in the poem?

- (A) Poet standing under the tree
- (B) A snowy winter day

## Q.No.(11-15): Read the following stanza 16. Study the following Pie - chart. carefully.

"Down, Sherry," she said. 'Anyone would think I'd been away for a month!". She smiled at Horace, and went on. "However, I came back just in time, though I didn't expect to meet a burglar."

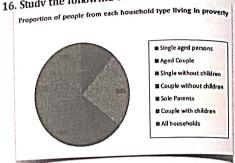
Horace had some hope because she seemed to be amused at meeting him. He mirth avoid trouble if he treated her the right way. He replied, "I didn't expect to meet one of the family."

(A Question of Trust)

Choose the appropriate answer from the options given:

- 11. What command did the woman give to the small dog, Sherry?
  - (A) Sit
  - (B) Stay
  - (C) Down
- 12. How did the woman react to encountering Horace Danby in the house?
  - (A) She was angry
  - (B) She was surprised but amused
  - (C) She was frightened
- 13. Why did Horace Danby feel hopeful when interaction with the woman?
  - (A) She appeared angry.
  - (B) She seemed amused at meeting him.
  - (C) She ignored him
- 14. How did Horace Danby try to handle the situation with the woman?
  - (A) He apologized profusely
  - (B) He treated her with indifference
  - (C) He tried to be polite and suggested he didn't expect to meet one of the family.
- 15. "I didn't expect to meet one of the family. " Interpret the intention of Horace in the given statement."

- (A) He tried to trap the lady in his charm and escape
- (B) He was trying to charm her but she wasn's impressed.
- (C) He was being truthful to her.



Now, answer the following questions.  $5 \times 1 = 5M$ 

- (i) What is the chart about?
- (ii) How many groups are there in this pie-chart? (iii) The highest poverty age group in the pie-char?
  - (a) Sole Parents
  - (b) Single aged Persons
  - (c) Aged couples

#### (iv) Which age group is in least poverty?

- (a) Couple with children
- (b) Aged couple
- (c) sole parents

- (a) 14% of all households in the UK were living under poverty.
- (b) Single people without children account for the first highest proportion
- (c) Single aged persons and aged couples proportion for 10% together for poor households.

#### 17. Read the following passage carefully.

Once, a boy was eating a bun on the roof. A fo was passing from there. Suddenly a crow came al snatched the bun from his hand. The crow went awa and sat on the branch of a tree. The fox saw the bun the beak of the crow and got an idea. He flattered t crow by saying that his voice was wonderful requested the crow to sing a song and the crow start singing. As soon as the crow opened his mouth, t bun got down. Immediately, the fox picked the b and disappeared.

Now, arrange the following jumbled sentences into a meaningful order. 5×1=5M

- (a) Once, a boy was eating a bun on the roof.
- (b) A fox saw the bun in the beak of the crow and got an idea.
- (c) Suddenly a crow came and snatched the bun from his hand.
- A) As soon as he opened his mouth, the bun got down. Immediately, the fox picked the bun and disappeared.
- (e) He requested the crow to sing a song and the crow started singing.

#### SECTION - B: GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY Note: Answer all the questions of Section - B in

the same order at one place in your answer book.

#### 18. Combine the following sentences using 'who'

The Postmaster admired Lencho's faith, He appreciated his straight forwardeness.

19. Change the following sentence into 'passive voice'. My daughter Zenani accompanied me.

20. Change the following into Reported Speech.

Lencho said, "We'll all go hungry this year."

#### (v) Choose the correct statement based on the pie-chart 21. Fill in the blanks with suitable preposition $2 \times 1 = 2M$ given in brackets.

- (i) The young seagull was alone \_\_\_\_ (a) his edge. (on, at, to)
- (ii) He had been afraid to fly\_\_\_\_\_ (b.) ( with, on, to) them
- <sup>22</sup>. Edit the following passage. 4×1=4M

We are a part of an (a) Earth and it is a part of us. The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the deer, the horse, the great eagle, these are his (b) brothers. The rocky crests, the juices in the meadows, the body hot(c) of the pony, and the man. All belongs to the same family. So when the Great Chief in Washington sends word that he wish(d)to by our land, he asks much from us.

3. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.  $2 \times 1 = 2M$ 

- (i) For \_\_\_\_ past few days I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries.
- (ii) The chains on all my people were\_\_\_ chains on me.

#### 24. Change the following into Repeated action in the past using 'would/used to' 2×1= 2M

- (i) On weekends, we had picnics at the park.
- (ii) In my previous job, I attended weekly team meetings.

#### 25. Rewrite the sentences into a single sentence using Noun-modifiers. 2×1= 2M

- (i) The bakery sells pastries. They are sweet and freshly baked.
- (ii) The bridge has arches. They are tall and sturdy.
- 26. Give a suitable advice for the situation given below.  $2 \times 1 = 2M$ Your friend does not listen carefully during meeting. Advise him to listen carefully to understand the details.
- 27. Read the following paragraph and write the synonyms of the underlined words, choosing the words given in the box.  $4 \times 1 = 4M$

Misses, unimportant, plenty, few, worthless, essential Marriage gifts are meaningless (a) without the sweet bread know as the bol, just as a party are a feast loses (b), Its charm without bread Not enough (c) can be said to show how important (d) a baker can be for a

28. Read the following paragraph and write the antonyms of the underlined words.

 $4 \times 1 = 4M$ 

And it's impossible for me not to marry. In the first place. I'm already 35 - a critical (a) age, so to speak. In the second place, I ought to lead a quiet (b) and  $\underline{regula}r\left(c\right)life.\,I\,suffer\,from\,palpitations,I'm\,excitable$ and always (d) getting awfully upset

29. Fill in the blanks with the right form of words given in the brackets.  $4 \times 1 = 4M$ 

The most ......(a) (fascinating/fascinated/ fascinate) thing of all the bus that.....(b) (travelling /travels/ travelled) between her village and nearest town.

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- and Suffixes given in the brackets. $2 \times 1 = 2M$
- (i) Valli was \_\_\_\_come with shyness (under, over).
- (ii) The information is completely \_\_\_accurate (un, in)
- 31. Find the wrongly spelt word and write the  $2 \times 1 = 2M$ correct spelling.
  - i) downpour, least, crest, feild
  - ii) locusts, destroyed, raindrops, peices
- 32.Read the following dictionary entry of the  $2 \times 1 = 2M$ word given below.

expression /ik'spres(a)n/, /ek'spres(a)n/ the action of making known one's thoughts or feelings She accepted his expressions of sympath utterance, uttering, voicing- a look on someone's face that conveys a particular emotion I see a sad expression on her face.

Now, answer the following questions using the information above.

- a) Write the parts of speech of the word 'expression'
- b) What are the synonyms of the given entry.
- 33. Use the following expressions in sentences  $2 \times 1 = 2M$  37. of your own.
- (i) Phrasal verb: pass away
- ii) idiomatic expression: The ball is in your court
- 34. Match the following  $4 \times 1/2 = 2M$

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- 1. Sacred ( ) A) Religious texts or writings
- 2. Scriptures ( ) B) A formal or organized group moving together
- 3. Procession ( ) C) Relating to or about a specific topic
- 4. Concerning ( ) D) Holy or revered

SECTION - C

35.

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

(A) On the night of Bholi's failed marriage the parents of Bholi were dumbfounded with her eloquent, un stammered, witty speech. They were astounded to know how a simpleton, stammering and stupid Bholi had become loquacious, confident. intelligent and courageous. They talked about this.

30. Complete the words with correct Prefixes Now write a possible conversation between

(B) Valli was able to complete her excursion to the town by bus. She was overwhelmed with joy but she was unable to share her experiences to anybody since it was done incognito. So sha wanted to write a diary entry of her feelings of her wonderful journey to the town.

Now Imagine your are Valli and write a diary entry in the above context.

- (A) A corporate company is building a chemical factory in your village. They did not get the environmental clearance.

Write a letter to the collector of your district requesting him to take necessary action against the industrialists to build the Industry away from 10-Marks the village.

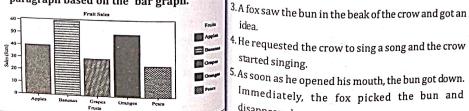
OR

- (B) We realized the importance of girl education through the story "Bholi"
  - Based on the story, prepare a script for speech.
- (A) Read the following passage carefully focusing on the underlined parts.
  - I watched their progress with growing concern(A). Tricki (B) was tottering along in his little tweed coat; he had a whole wardrobe of these coats (C)—for the cold weather (D) and a raincoat for the wet days. He struggled on, drooping in his harness. I thought it wouldn't be long before I heard from Mrs.Pumphrey(E).

Now frame 'WH' questions to get the underlined 10-Marks parts as answers.

OR

(B) Study the following table and write paragraph based on the bar graph.



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PAPER-I ANSWERS

1. Being host to the nations of the world on South

section -A

ouestion (1 - 5):

discrimination.

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filled with a refreshing feeling.

1. The proportion of people from each household type

1. Once, a boy was eating a bun on the roof.

2. Suddenly a crow came and snatched the bun from

5. As soon as he opened his mouth, the bun got down.

Immediately, the fox picked the bun and

African soil

4. A

5. A

9. B

10.B

11. C

12. B

13. B

14. C

15. C

5. A

Question 16:

living in poverty

2. 7 poverty groups

3. A sole parents

Question 17:

his hand.

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Section -B Reading Comprehension

Grammar & Vocabulary

18. The postmaster, who admired Lenchos faith, appreciated his straight forwardness.

19. I was accompanied by my daughter zenani.

- 20. Lencho said that they would all go hungry that 2. Poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other 21. i).on year.
  - ii).with
  - 22. a).the b).our c)heat d), wishes
  - 23. i) the ii) the
  - 24. i) On weekends, we used to have picnics at the park.
- ii) In my previous job, I used to attend weekly 6. The crow represents inauspicious omen and the 25.i) The bakery sells sweets, freshly baked pastries.

  - ii) The bridge has tall, sturdy arches.
- 7. When the snow fell on the poet, the poet's mind 26. You ought to listen carefully during the meeting to understand all the details.
  - 27. a) worthless b) mises c) plenty d) essential
  - 28. a) Insignificant b) agitated c) irregular d) never
  - 29. a) fascinating
    - b)travelled
  - 30. i) overcome
- ii) inaccurate
- 31. i) field
- ii) pieces
- 32. i) noun ii).utterance
- 33. i) His grandfather passed away last night
  - ii) The ball is in your court; you need to decide.
- 34.1.D
  - 2.A
- 3.B
- Section C **Creative Expression**
- 35. A) Father: My dear, Are you still thinking and grieving about Bholi and her failed marriage? Mother: Yes, how can we show our faces in the village?

Father: Yes, it is disgrace to our family. But one thing has made me even more sad.

Mother: what is it?

Father: About Bholi. How has she been humiliated by us?

Mother: Have we humiliated her? In what wav?

Father: We have treated her as we treated our other children.

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Father: She is not responsible for ugliness. retardedness.

Mother: Yes. I can understand that

Father: I am now understand that:

Mother: Me too.

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Father: we should grateful to the teachers for

making our simpleton. Bholi into an intelligent Mother: How confident and fluent her speech. Father: She is now an empowered woman because of her education. I was very happy when I heard that she could teach in the same school

Mother: I am proud of our Sulekha.

35. B).

1st November 2024,

Dear Dairy.

Today I am very much delighted. My adventurous odyssey to the town was completed smoothly, safely and successfully. At first I meticulously collected information about the bus journey. How much money is needed?

On that day we started by bus early in the morning. The conductor of the bus was jolly and jovial The bus ran along the bank of the canal It was a narrow road. The trees, grasslands, mountains... unending green fields formed a wonderful scene of the beautiful and magnificent countryside made me enjoyable. Suddenly a bad incident occurred. A cow was run over by our speeding bus. The memory of the dead cow haunted me. Still I was haunted by the sorrow of its death.

I completed my journey to the town and reached safely.

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36. A).

Kankipadu, 1st Nov 2024.

To From, The District Collector, Pujith raju, Krishna, D.No.3/24, Machilipatnam. Knakipadu, Krishna Dt.

#### Respected Sir,

I would like to bring your kind notice towards the problems of contamination of water which is caused by the chemical factory proposed to build in our village.

A corporate company is building a chemical factory in our village. They did not get the environmental clearance. They are not making any provisions for dumping the chemical wastes. The people of our village are very much anxious about the environmental pollution it will cause.

Hence I request you to suggest the corporate company management to build the factory away from the village after getting the environmental clearance.

We shall be grateful to you if you take it

seriously and do the needful

Thanking you Sir,

Yours sincerely. Pujith Raju.

36. B) Good morning respected teachers, and fellow students. Today I stand before you to share mu views on one of the most important topics in our country: girl education.

We live in a society where knowledge is powerful and everyone has the right to attain knowledge, regardless of their race and gender. The importance of educating girls cannot be overlooked when a girl is educated, she can decide not only her future but also that of the entire community. In this movement, Women from Savithribai phule, who was the first female activist in India, to Nirmala sitaraman. the finance minister of India.

As a result, it is our responsibility as a community to prioritise our girls' education. Let us work for a society in which every girl has the opportunity to learn and grow to her full potential Educating our girls is more than just a responsibility: it is necessary for a bright future.

37. A)

- 1. How did I watch their progress?
- 2. Who was tottering along in his little tweed coat?
- 3. What did he have?
- 4. Why did he have different coats?
- 5. Whom did I hear?
- B) The given bar graph represents the sale of fruits during a summer month in a supermarket in Dubai. The figures in thousands on the left are give of the Y-axis show the quantum of sales per month while the bars along the X-axis show the type of fruit, namely, apples, bananas, grapes, oranges and pear

According to the bars plotted, the sale of bananas was the highest which almost touched Rs. 60,000 as against the sale of pears which was less than Rs.30,000 only, almost half. Oranges occupied the second place with sales as high as Rs. 50,000. Apples fared well with a sale of Rs.30,000. The consumption of fruits during the summer months seemed to be quite good

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Time: 3 Hrs 15 Min.

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- 2. Answer all the questions on a separate answer book supplied to you.
- 3. 15 minutes of time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 3 hours for writing the answers.
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#### (Reading Comprehension) SECTION-A 0.No.(1-5): Read the following passage carefully.

If you ask me, there are so many dummies that about a quarter of the class should be kept back, but teachers are the most unpredictable creatures on earth. I'm not so worried about my girlfriends and myself. We'll make it The only subject I'm not sure about is maths. Anyway, all we can do is wait Until then, we keep telling each other not to lose heart I get 7. How did Belinda and her pets feel about the along pretty well with all my teachers. There are nine of them, seven men and two women. Mr Keesing, the 8. How did Belinda react to Custard's brave act? old fogey who teaches maths, was annoyed with me for ages because I talked so much. After several warnings, he assigned me extra homework. An essay on the subject, 'A Chatterbox'. A chatterbox what can you 9. What did Ink and Blink do? write about that? I'd worry about that later, I decided. I jotted down the title in my notebook, tucked it in my bag and tried to keep quiet. That evening, after I'd finished the rest of my homework, the note about the 10. Who was Mustard? essay caught my eye. (From the Diary of Anne Frank)

## Now, answer the following questions. 5×2=10M

- 1. What was the critical comment that Anne made about her classmates?
- 2. Why was Mr Keesing annoyed with Anne? (Or) What quality in Anne irked Mr Keesing?
- Anne described Mr Keesing as .....
  - A) the rule dictator
- B) the old fogey
- C) the short-tempered mathematician

## 4. According to Anne, teachers

- A) were the most unpredictable creatures on earth
- B) could be easily provoked
- C) were the most annoying creatures on earth

## 5. What was the extra homework that Anne was given?

- A) To draw the different kinds of triangle
- B) To write an essay
- C) To get the mathematical tables by heart

#### (Questions 6 - 10)

## Read the following stanza carefully.

Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him, No one mourned for his pirate victim. Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate around the dragon that ate the pirate.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

#### Choose the correct answers to the following questions $5 \times 1 = 6 M$

- 6. What did Mustard do in response to Custard's victory?
- pirate's demise?

- A) Praised him
- B) Embraced him
- C) kissed him

- A) Turn round and round the dragon
- B) Clicked pictures with the dragon
- C) Presented the dragon with a cake

- A) Belinda's pet dog
- B) Belinda's pet parrot
- C) Belinda's pet cat

#### Q.No.(11-15)

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#### Read the following stanza carefully.

I followed casually, "Hello again," he said, I gave him my most appealing smile. "I want to work for you," I said. "But I can't pay you." I thought that over for a minute. Perhaps I had misjudged my man. I asked, "Can vou feed me?" "Can you cook?" "I can cook," lied again. "If you can cook, then may be I can feed you."

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